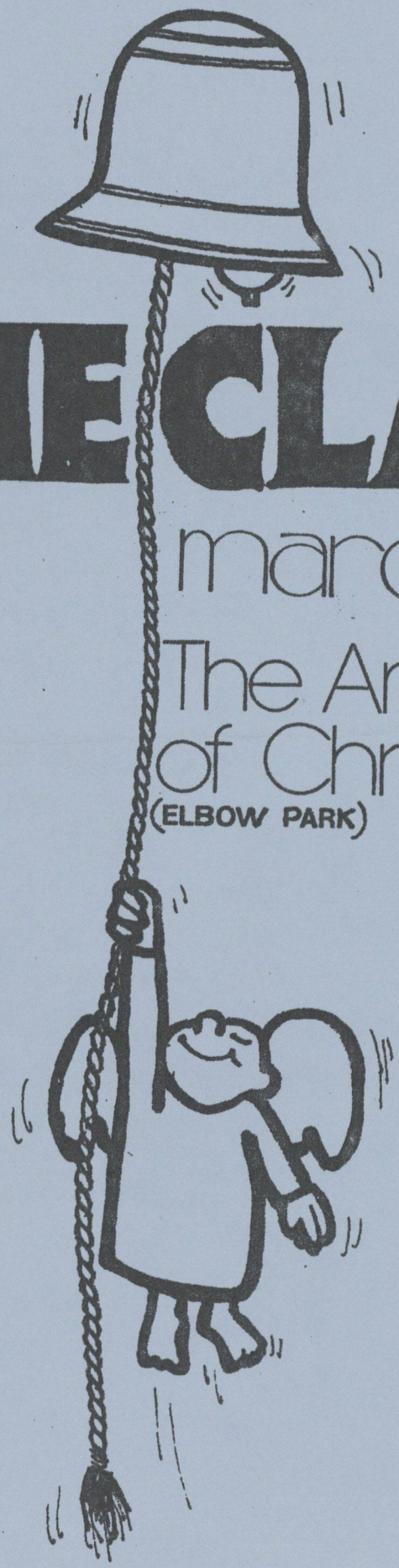


THE CLAPPER

march 1986

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church
(ELBOW PARK)

Friends,

This issue of the "Clapper" will come to you with Ash Wednesday and Lent just over the horizon. It seems no length since the lights of Christmas and Epiphany were glittering in the streets and stores and living rooms. However this year Easter's earliness makes the transition a swift one.

The closeness of the two seasons can teach us some things about our lives. Let's think of the main symbols of Epiphany and Lent. One we think of in terms of light, the other in terms of ashes. Our lives know both of these things. We know them in our experience. Light might stand for joys, ashes for sorrows, light for success, ashes for failure, light for health, ashes for sickness. All of us live both light and ashes. All of us taste Epiphany and Ash Wednesday in the spectrum of our experience.

But sometimes we need to know that there is something in the cycle of sacred time (which is what the church year is) beyond both Epiphany and Ash Wednesday and all that they can symbolize about our human experience. Beyond them both is Easter. What can that mean in terms of our experience? Growth, newness, celebration, freedom, new life. Those are some of the things which Easter can come to mean for us, over and beyond its great actual meaning in history - the Resurrection of our Lord.

In this short letter all I want to share is the fact that the cycle of the church year, what I have called sacred time, can have many levels of meaning for our lives.

May I also use this letter to say thank you to all of you for your many cards and gifts to us at Christmas time. I felt the Clapper a better way of doing this than in the bulletin because the former goes to everyone.

I hope this issue of the Clapper finds you well. Lent is once again bringing us an excellent Wednesday evening series of programs which I hope you can share in. Another aspect of parish life is the fact that there are seventeen boys and girls beginning Confirmation preparation. Pray for them that these fleeting classes may bear fruit in years to come.

Every blessing to you.

Sincerely,

Rev. T. Herbert O'Driscoll
Rector

entheos

Over a period of 6 years Entheos has grown from a seedling dream to a beautifully shaped, mature tree of reality. Entheos comes from the Greek "in God," and also is the root for the word "enthusiasm." God, through the enthusiasm of all the people who have worked to make reality of the dream, has transformed 60 acres of woodland bordering the Elbow River into a small part of His Kingdom. The sod was turned for the 8300 sq. ft. conference building in 1980. Since then the chronic of events in the development of Entheos could fill volumes. Today two guest houses have been completed which has made it possible to accomodate 74 people in 37 rooms. The perimeter footwalls have been poured for the last major structure envisaged in the original Entheos plan, that is the 6600 sq. ft. staff ministry house which, among other uses, will be home to some of the community families who look after Entheos and minister to the broader Christian community, in other words, to you and me. Ministering to you and me means seeing that our creature needs are looked after in a simple but charming way, and, more importantly, placing our inner selves in a spiritual environment where we can experience a relationship with the Creator as revealed in Jesus. The Entheos brochure (which hopefully all of us have seen) puts it very well: "Entheos is a Christian Interdenominational Center open to all who need rest and retreat from the turmoil and tension of twentieth century living. It exists so that people can be renewed in body, mind and spirit." Most of us now are aware of the sorts of programnes offered at Entheos. Some of these are sponsored by the community staff, but most still are provided from outside. Bookings are almost solid on weekends to the end of 1986, and now that the accomodation facilities are in place, the demand can do nothing but increase. Among the programnes and special events advertised in the latest calendar are marriage preparation, exploring the Christian community, retreats, spiritual renewal, church leadership workshop, a weekend for parents with handicapped children, family summer programnes, and others.

Perhaps one of the most incredible things about Entheos is the way unshakeable faith in its future develops in virtually everyone who be-

co es associated with its growth and operation. This faith allows God to provide for its needs in just the right way and at the right time. Th dollars, the materials, the people, the ideas always arrive through th simple process of ordering them by prayer. Note: the prayers for do lars go on continuously!

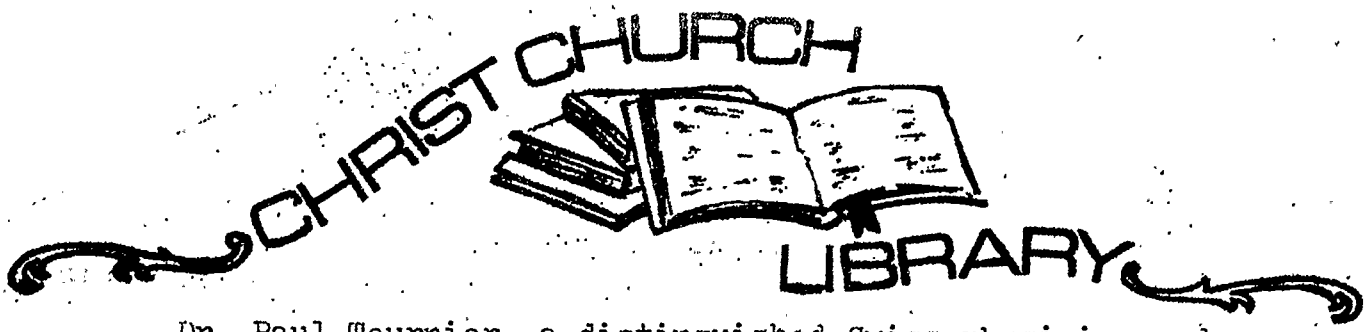
If you haven't participated in the Entheos experience, even if it s only going for a stroll along some of its tranquil pathways, then I rge you to do so at the earliest opportunity. If you find yourself dr wn in further, then prepare to be excited, thrilled, unnerved, frustra ed, refreshed, challenged and always blessed.

I will conclude these reflections by offering a few inspired wo ds which Bill Nike (Entheos' Administrative Director) scribbled on the spur of the moment on a scrap of paper when asked for some su gestions for this piece:

Entheos - His House of Prayer - amidst the silence of the trees is like the desert, a place where we go, not to escape other people, bu to find God, the Creator of all things.

Snow-blown hills
Snow-blown trees
Snow-blown paths,
Whoever trudges through snow
leaves deep, deep tracks
inviting us to follow.
Snow-filled hills
Snow-filled trees
Snow-filled paths,
and always somewhere
tracks of living things.

David Milner



Dr. Paul Tournier, a distinguished Swiss physician and psychiatrist has written a very interesting book, based on the experiences of his practice. It is entitled "The Meaning of Persons." The thing that distinguishes Dr. Tournier's theories from those of most publishing psychiatrists is that that they are based on a deep faith in Christianity while most psychiatric journals are the work of professed atheists.

Dr. Tournier makes a distinction between the person and the personage. He says, "The person is the original creation, the personage is the automatic routine. One effect of the increasing uniformity of life and the crowding of people together in huge populations has been to mould vast numbers of them to a standard pattern. It is frightening sometimes to watch the crowds go by, catching the same bus every day so as to arrive at the same time at the same place, office or factory, in order to perform some excessively specialized operation, never requiring of them anything but the same robot-like movement. They have become merely cogs in the machine of production, tools, functions. All that matters is what they do, not what they think or feel. "Those who aspire to live like real persons, and not like automata find themselves caught in the toils of a mass society. Originality struggles for a time against this, then grows weary and is extinguished."

The task of the psychiatrist is of course to help people to find their real selves...the person behind the personage.

The author explains why he, unlike most psychiatirists, has a profound belief in God. Science, he says, although it has done remarkable tasks in explaining man and his environment has never been able to create life, or even to adequately explain it. This life force that is reponsible for creation we call God. Dr. Tournier believes that when people accept this truth they are agreat deal happier and healthier.

Edith Hunter

Christ Church Library News cont'd.....

Missing from our library is a red volume, about the installation of our new organ. The photographs are taken by Mr. Deryk Bodington and the text by Mr. Ted Harbert. This book is of great historical interest and has been stamped "Not to be taken away."

The Christ Church Library Committee would appreciate it if everyone would look and think where this book could have gone and return it to the library.

Parishioners are reminded that the Christ Church Library in the Crump Room is for the use and enjoyment of everyone. We ask that you sign the book cards as per instruction, and return the books at the end of the borrowing period.

THE CLOCK OF TIME

The clock of time is wound but once, And no man has the power to tell
Just where the hands will stop, At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed, To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss As no man can restore.

The present only is our own; Live, Love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow, For the clock may be still.

Parish Family News

BAPTISMS

We welcome with joy and gladness to the Christian Community of Christ Church:

Andrea Jane Simmonds	Daughter of Robert & Brenda
Melissa Diane Lepage	Daughter of Edward & Heather
Jeffrey Benjamin Lawrence	Son of John & Elaine
Kaisa Elizabeth Christie	Daughter of William & Mary
Edward William Nelles	Son of Robert & Donna
Ian George Martin Mandry	Son of William & Helen
Garth Brett Sine	Son of Brett & Pamela
Paige Elizabeth Faulkner	Daughter of William & Martha
Peter Martin Wares	Son of Edward & Sheila
Meaghan Grace L. Pelton	Daughter of Harry & Nadia
Patrick Denison Latter	Son of Hugh & Jane
John Eric Gordon Thomson	Son of Hugh & Collen

MARRIAGES

We offer congratulations and best wishes to:

William Paul Evernden	&	Shannon Lee Epton
Victor Roy Nordheimer	&	Aroon Ethel Gwendoline
Michael Todd Atkinson	&	Angela Arkley
John Henry Mendham	&	Anthea Margaret Vintcent
Robert Gordon Brooks	&	Amy Grace Milner
John Edward Bell	&	Mary Francesca Gandossi
Charles Douglas Mahon	&	Jane Carroll Manning
David Andrew Martin	&	Nancy Louise Nowlton
Keith Robert G. Barnes	&	Sheila Marie-Anne Tousignant

DEATHS

May the souls of the Faithfully Departed rest in peace. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Ruth Rockley
Kenneth McLure Leach
Stanley Simon Brodylo
Christena Mary McKinnon
Janet Mary McKillop
Ernest William Dowdeswell
Arthur Lionel Hill

THE CANADIAN CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL - 1986

What is a Festival? The dictionary says it is "a time of special celebration" or a "time of rejoicing". For my part I hope that we all help to make it both of these things, **and** in great measure.

The second Canadian Christian Festival will be held in Calgary May 15 - 19th at the Stampede grounds.

My involvement began as a Volunteer about May 1985, but really goes back to the Fall of 1983, when as a member of the Calgary Council of Churches, I attended a meeting with the Rev. Gordon Turner of Toronto as a guest. Mr. Turner was a co-director of the Ottawa Festival held in May 1982. His enthusiasm was undeniable and it was evident that the Ottawa Festival had been an outstanding event. We were shown a film of the Festival, both informative and exciting - imagine seeing the lovely face of a Jean Vanier -, one of the speakers, as was the gifted Rev. Herb O'Driscoll. My real commitment must have been at that time, because when I arrived home (rather late) my life's partner looked at me and saw an excitement in my appearance and remarked upon it. So began a personal decision - shared - that I would help in some way, if it was decided to sponsor a Festival.

When the decision was made (we were few in number, and rather fearful of such a large undertaking) we made a positive choice. I knew I wanted to be part of the "helping" process. Imagine an event in which Christians from all walks of life, from various denominations, and church congregations in Calgary, gather together to learn more about Christ's love for us all, and indeed to learn from, and about, one another! Through presentations by such people as Dr. Leighton Ford, and Betty Williams, ex-founder of the Movement of Peace People in Northern Ireland, we will hopefully learn more of the world's needs for peace, justice and love. The Rev. Herb O'Driscoll is a consultant for the program, adding his wisdom and experience to the event.

There will be study groups, denominational booths, music, dance, drama to give variety and to highlight our christian heritage. We should come away with a greater faith in Jesus, because faith is knowing and sharing in Jesus' life. Most importantly we will have a greater understanding of God's love for all men and women, as we share that love with our Christian family from across Canada. Tell your friends about it, and prepare to take them with you, as we make "Our common journey in Faith".

THE CALGARY DROP-IN CENTRE

At one of our Wednesday evening Lenten programs last year we heard a talk by Jim Glendon, general manager of the Calgary Drop-In Centre. Jim described the function of this little oasis of care located in a converted garage next to the Langevin Bridge on 4th Ave. S.E. For those who don't know what I'm talking about, I'd like to add a few descriptive words of my own. For the past year I have been on the board of directors of the Drop-In Centre, and prior to my joining, Alex Bourne spent a number of years on the board. We have been the only Anglicans directly involved in this recent past, and we think this is an outreach opportunity which perhaps more of us in the diocese could respond to.

The Drop-In Centre was established in its present concept in 1977 under the auspices of the Calgary Inter-Faith Organization (another of our parishioners, David Stauft, played a key role in this) to meet the needs of what the City Social Services Dept. call "chronic vagabonds." These are the lonely and alienated people, mostly men, who inhabit the inner city area where they simply "exist" in a skid-row atmosphere of decaying hotels and cheap bars. The centre meets these people on their own turf, and creates a friendly, unpressured and compassionate environment where everyone is welcome and accepted. It is open six days a week year round and offers food and clothing twice daily. The full time staff and volunteers provide counselling and advice on request, information about various agencies and opportunities for limited recreation and socialization. Up to 200 people a day are served - 65,000 a year! Funding is provided by provincial and civic governments, the United Way, churches and private donations. In addition, food clothing, medicine and other essential items are supplied by churches, individuals, businesses and civic community organizations.

The basic needs of those who come to the Centre revolve mostly around housing, employment, legal assistance, alcohol and drug rehabilitation and a desire to belong. Could we in Christ Church do more with our varied talents and resources to serve those unfortunates who live almost on our doorstep? Can we, either corporately or individually, help to bring the love of Christ to those who walk through the doors of the Drop-In Centre?

David Milner.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Place: Christ Church

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Date: March 7, (Friday)

Theme: Choose Life In Its Fullness

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

interfaith food bank...

The Outreach Committee, which looks after the Food Bank, has arranged for stickers to be placed on the envelope boxes for 1986. These are to remind us to bring something for the Food Bank on a weekly basis.

The food donations placed in the boxes in Christ Church are gathered up weekly from the church by volunteer drivers who take them to the Interfaith Food Bank downtown at 510 8th Ave. S.E. At this time the volunteers are Deryk Bodington, Don Heimbecker, Mary Gard, Don and Anne Novinger and John and Christine Stuart Smith. We are greatly in need of a few more people to help make the haul when regulars cannot make their weekly delivery. We try to make the pick up on Mondays. The number of bags varies from as little as two some weeks to over twenty at times like Christmas. If you could help deliver on an occasional basis, please contact John Stuart Smith 244- 1560.

Due to the generous expenditure of time and effort by Mr. Gerry Hawes, our nursery has been completely painted. Thank-you Gerry, for making a hard job very easy.
Also on behalf of the children, thank-you for making our room so pleasant.

Joan Hanna
Nursery Co-ordinator

mission matters notes

December 1985

UGANDA: Bishop Howell Davies of the Diocese of Karamoja has sent news about a very challenging project among the isolated Karamojong cattle camps which is supported by the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund:

"Well, plans are all laid for reaching out to where the warriors are: the cattle camps. But the camps are still "sensitive" to outsiders, they are subject to attack, and they launch cattle raids against others....attacks from army helicopters have further postponed trustful contacts."

This project aims to reduce mental and social isolation and promote peaceful coexistence with neighbours through teaching agricultural models, primary health care and veterinary care in cattle camps.

Bishop Davies also writes that "everywhere throughout the region the folk have been digging and planting in hope of a bumper harvest." He asks us to pray that the Kotido area will receive enough rain to produce seed in bulk for next year's planting of its special "drylands" sorghum. Planting of sorghum is part of the Karamoja Seeds Storage Scheme, supported by the Primate's Fund, which hopes to provide strategic storage stocks during bumper crop years to meet both growing demand and emergencies following poor harvests.

MALAYSIA: Describing one city church in Malaysia, Dulcie Abraham, a retired lecturer and theology student from that country who recently visited Canada in the Dioceses of Montreal, Athabasca and Qu'Appelle, commented: "Everybody drives up in their limousines and gets down and goes to church and gets back into their cars and drives home. Very little participation in the troubles around us, kind of alienated, and I don't think it's a growing church, really."

But as an example of another face of the Christian Church in Malaysia, she described the work of the Rev. David Batumalai, a convert from Hinduism who "saw in Christianity the Christ of deliverance from oppression." Batumalai, who grew up on a Malaysian rubber estate himself, knew that children on these remote, rural estates -- whose parents were brought there as indented labourers from South India by the British -- had almost no chance for education. He set up hostels near the city centre so these children could go to school. Some of the children from the hostels have gone on to medical school and come back during their vacations to tutor the next lot of children. This, Dulcie says, is part of the work of the Anglican Church in the rural areas and "the section of the Anglican Church which is growing."

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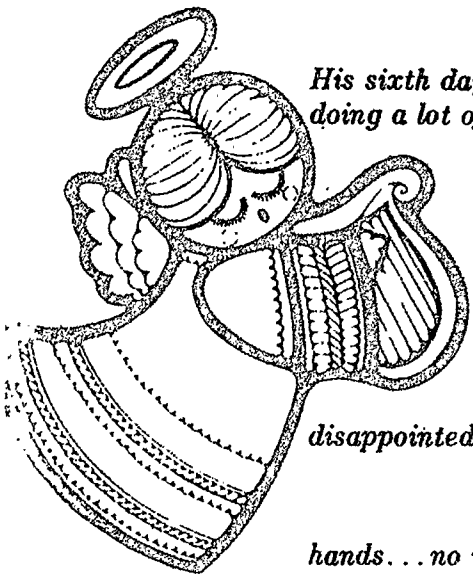
When God Created Mothers...



When the good Lord was creating mothers He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around with this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic;

Have 180 moveable parts... all replaceable;

Run on black coffee and leftovers;

Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;

A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair;

And six pairs of hands...

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that can see what she shouldn't, but that she has to know, and of course, the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and love you,' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already, I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You, You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

Erma Bombeck

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 1986

"A WORLD
ON OUR PLATTER"

5:30 HOLY COMMUNION
WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES
FOLLOWED BY
POT LUCK SUPPER

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - YOUTH
WITH BOB GRIFFITHS

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
WITH SUSAN & PETER JULL

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1986

"BREAD
NOT BOMBS"

5:30 HOLY COMMUNION
FOLLOWED BY
POT LUCK SUPPER

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - YOUTH
WITH KEVIN BURKE

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
WITH BRENDA & JAMIE MACKIE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1986

"OUR LAND
IS OUR LIFE"

5:30 HOLY COMMUNION
FOLLOWED BY
POT LUCK SUPPER

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - YOUTH
WITH RICHARD REVEL

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
WITH BARBARA & MICHAEL WATERHOUSE

A CHRIST CHURCH LENTEN PROGRAM

ONE CHRIST... ONE WORLD... HOW DO WE CARE?

MATTHEW 15:37
"THEY ALL ATE AND HAD ENOUGH"
BUT WHY ARE THE PEOPLE HUNGRY?

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 1986

"GRAINS
OF VIOLENCE"

5:30 HOLY COMMUNION
FOLLOWED BY
POT LUCK SUPPER

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - YOUTH
WITH DON RAY

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
WITH MARY & LORNE JARDINE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 1986

"AS WOMEN SEE IT:
FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

5:30 HOLY COMMUNION
FOLLOWED BY
POT LUCK SUPPER

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - YOUTH
WITH ROSALINDA TIJAM

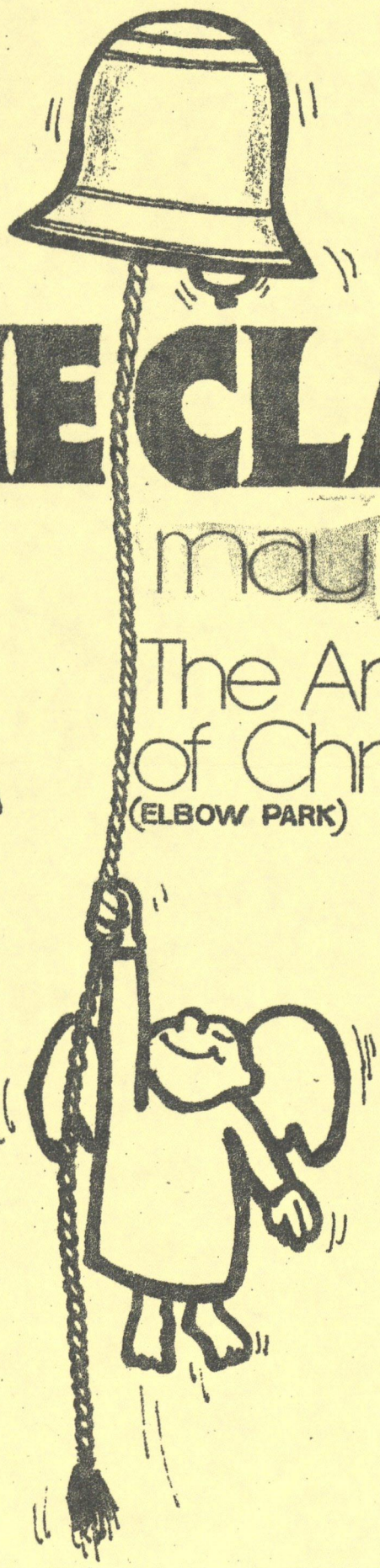
PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
WITH DIANE WALTON

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 1986

"THINK GLOBALLY:
ACT LOCALLY"

5:30 HOLY COMMUNION
FOLLOWED BY
POT LUCK SUPPER

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - YOUTH
JEAN TOLLEFSON, DAVID LEMAN
JOHN HIEMSTRA, NORMA FARQUHARSON
WITH MARTHA BAILEY, MODERATOR
PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
WITH WENDY & GEORGE LEITCH



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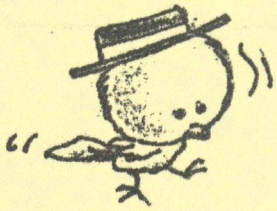

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April 10, 1986

CHRIST CHURCH ELBOW PARK
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Dear Friend:

I write to you in the knowledge that you have fulfilled your pledge to Anglicans in Mission (A.I.M.) and to express the gratitude of the church.

The financial objective of A.I.M. was $40,000,000, and although many people believe this was an impossible goal, we ended up with pledges in excess of $55,000,000. Some people were sceptical about whether pledges would be honoured because of uncertain economic conditions. I am now able to report to you that as of March 31, 1986 $40,507,127 had been received in cash. You are one of those who have made this possi and I want to thank you on behalf of the Church.

Many people made pledges over the five year period and funds will continue to be received. Some have had to cancel or reduce their commitment but some 2,841 persons have made payments after their original pledges were met, and more than $500,000 in additional payments has been received.

In the May and October issues of the Churchman, there will be inserts that give a summary report on the use of A.I.M. funds at the National level.

You will recall that the purpose of A.I.M. was to raise funds over three to five ye to be expended over eight to ten years. This has enabled us to achieve a period of financial stability and has provided time to plan a responsible financial strategy fo the continuing and new work made possible by contributions to A.I.M.

A special financial consultation with representatives from nearly every diocese was held early in March and a process of financial planning is now underway which I am convinced will enable our Church not only to maintain work which has been initiated but to extend it. Further steps will be taken at General Synod in June of this year.

It is my conviction that responsible planning is one of the best ways to say "thank you" to you and many thousands like you whose contributions have helped to strengthen our Church.

Again, my thanks to you for your help and support.

Yours faithfully,

Edward W. Scott

The Most Reverend Edward W. Scott
Co-Chairperson
Anglicans in Mission Program

Joy MacLaren

Mrs. Joy MacLaren
Co-Chairperson
Anglicans in Mission Program

A 75th Anniversary Celebration

WE, CYPRIAN, BY DIVINE PERMISSION, BISHOP OF CALGARY, do hereby under the provisions of the Canon on Parochial Organization, erect and form into a Parish, to be known as the Church of England Parish of Christ Church, Elbow Park, Calgary, the district hereinafter defined, that is to say:

To consist of the southeast quarter of Section 9 and the whole of Section 4, Township 24, Range 1, West of the 5th Meridian.

These simple words signed and sealed by Bishop Cyprian Pinkham on August 8th, 1912 started the history of yet another parish and plans are now underway to celebrate his action and the 75th Anniversary of Christ Church, Elbow Park. It is planned that the celebration will centre on the period, August 1977 into January 1988 in recognition of the formation of the Parish in August 1912 and the first service held in the newly completed basement in January, 1913.

A 75th Anniversary Committee is going ahead with plans for this most important event but it seeks input from all parishoners, former parishoners and friends who over the years looked on Christ Church as their parish home, scout hall, community hall or simply as the friendly warm place at the foot of Christ Church Hill. The committee is looking for ideas and background to assist in developing its plans.Ideas can range from suggestions for a September homecomming weekend to special festivals while background materials which can help in the preparation of a 75th Anniversary publication are needed.

The committee is anxious to get as much input as possible and encourages all who have been associated with the parish to pass on their suggestions. Photographs, provided that they can be properly identified are particularly important. They will be carefully copied and returned. Also lists of names and addresses of former parishoners with whom we have lost contact will be appreciated as will similar lists of others who may have had a close association with the parish or some of its activities.One thing we plan to do is to develop a form letter that will be available to send out with Christmas mail which can be personalized with a handwritten note and used to enable us to get in touch with former parishoners or to let them know about our plans.

Its going to be a time of celebration, a time to look back and even more so to look ahead, a time to meet old friends and to make new ones,

there will be a great deal for everyone. A 75th Anniversary Committee chaired by Bill Selby is actively planning for the event and you are encouraged to contact Bill or any of his committee members with ideas you may have or even to get involved in some of the planning. It will be most rewarding and interesting.

Committee members are:

Deryk Bodington, Hugh Broadberry, Beverley Bushell, Jim Coop, Don Ebsworth, Gordon Cummings, Phyllis Ford, Bob Griffiths, Marmie Hess, Edith Hunter, Doug Lefroy, Chris McLean, David and Betty Milner, Herb O,Driscoll, Kay Grove, Muriel Ratcliff, Fred Scott, Mary and Bill Selby and Ted Tavender.

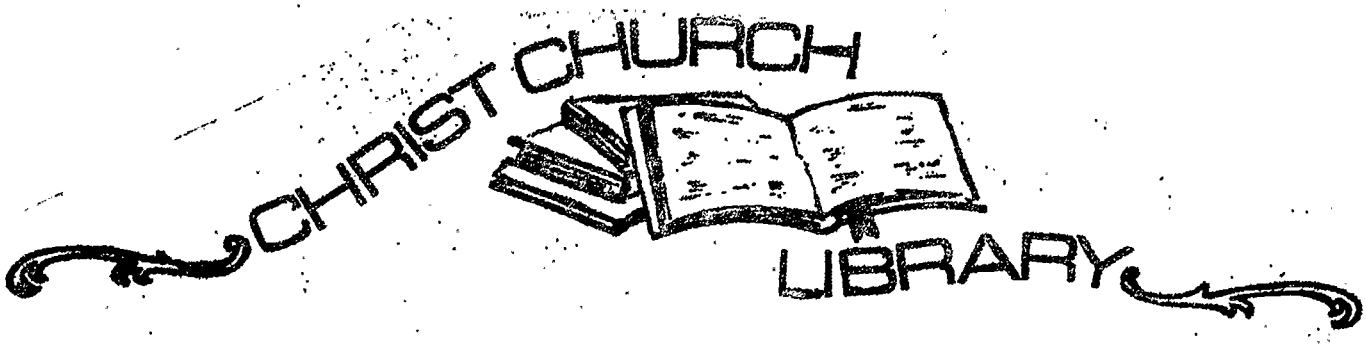
Our summer schedule will begin on May 18 and the services will be at:

8.00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

and

10.00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Please mark this on your calendars.



Anyone who harbours teen-agers under the roof - whether they be difficult or reasonably amenable - will, I believe, find one of our newly acquired library books helpful and interesting. I is written by a husband and wife team, Merton P. and A. Irene Strommen, and is titled "Five Cries of Parents." by this, the authors mean five areas in which the parents today are crying for help.

The authors state the purpose of the book. They say, "This book is addressed to parents and other adults who are in the parenting role with children and adolescents. Its purpose is to provide a rationale for parenting, to encourage reflection, and to supply clear directions regarding the help parents may need."

The Strommens were engaged in an extensive Adolescent-Parent Survey, and their ideas are based on the factual and often alarming information acquired in this survey. The statistics presented apply, of course, to the United States, but we in Canada I believe, are fooling ourselves if we think we are immune to these problems.

The authors present many thought-provoking ideas to us, such as: "The failure to achieve love and intimacy is almost always due to the inability of the persons to deal creatively with anger. Marriage and family living generates in normal people more anger than they experience in any other social situation in which they habitually find themselves. The overwhelming majority of family members know of only two ways of dealing with anger - to vent it or supress it. Both of these methods are destructive." The authors offer constructive ways of dealing with this problem.

The authors final word to us is: "This book has identified

five desires or cries of parents. Each cry represents a a parent reaching out in order to become a better parent. Each cry focuses on a basic issue in the home. And each cry points to a highly significant and available source of strength. This book addresses parents in a day of epidemics - a time when social diseases are laying claim to an increasing number of adolescents. Rather than try protecting our child from the toxins of life, we should concentrate on strengthening the inner life of the child.

Edith Hunter

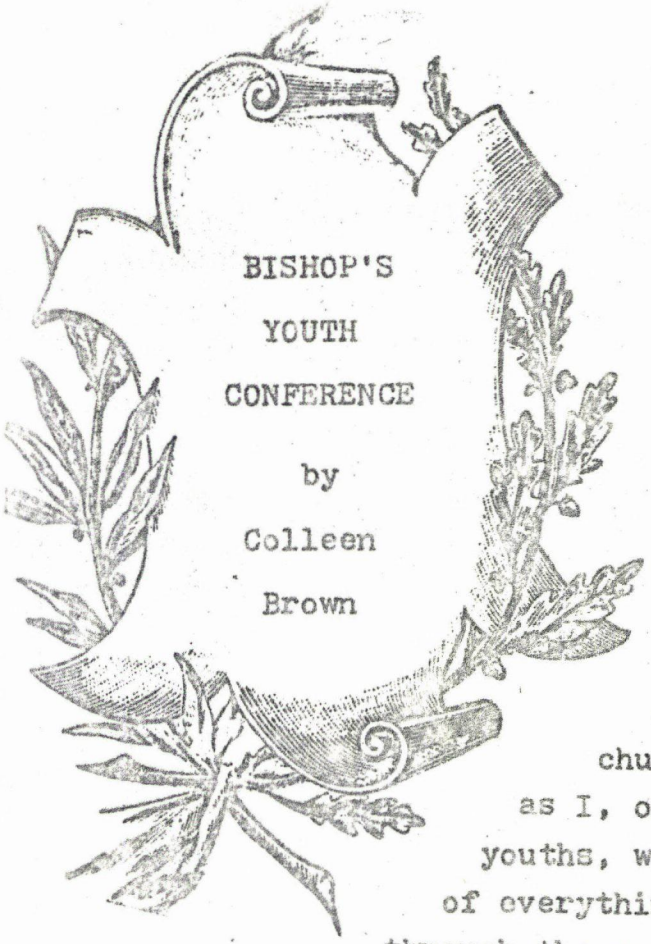
PLEASE NOTE: Missing from our library is a red volume about the installation of our new organ. The photographs are taken by Mr. Deryk Bodington, and the text is by Mr. Ted Harbert. This book is of great historical interest and had been stamped "NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY."

The Christ Church library committee would appreciate it if everyone would look and think where this book could have gone and return it to the library.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR USED BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, PLEASE?

Approximately one year ago the Women's Guild opened a sales centre for used books and magazines in the Safeway store in Richmond Square. The Proceeds, which to date have been almost $500.00 are forwarded to the Interfaith Food Bank. The reading materials which have come from donations mainly from Christ Church members are sorted and taken to the sales centre. We very much appreciate the support we have received and hope that the members of the church will continue to supply us with their books and magazines. Please leave your donations in the lower church hall in the collection containers.

Dorothy Robertson (242-9019)



This time last month, 30 youth between the ages of 15 and 22 were stepping on to a bus bound for Lethbridge. Our ultimate destination: St. Augustine's Anglican Church and the Bishop's Youth Conference.

The weekend Conference ran from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Through these three days, we participated in worship services, workshops, talking into the early hours of the morning and various other planned and unplanned activities. Although much of our weekend was spent in church services, it wasn't at all like church as I, or many of the 80 other participating youths, were accustomed to. Music was a major part of everything. From the morning church service, through the workshops, right up to going to bed, we sang. Even though we were only in Lethbridge for 3 days, with people who had originally been complete strangers, we built a really tight community. It kind of felt as though we had been together for several weeks rather than just days.

The focal point of the weekend was the business meeting. Matters concerning youth were discussed, and motions involving anything from money to the linking up with youth in other dioceses were debated. This part of the weekend was similiar to the Christ Church annual meeting; not overly exciting to most parties concerned, but never the less important. After a quick break from business, we moved into the elections for positions on the Anglican Youth Council for our diocese. The results were- 2 new positions and an almost complete turnover of the coucil to new blood, including the position of president to Kam MacIntyre.

While we were at St. Augustine's, I was surrounded by people who believed the same things I did and who genuinely cared about me and how I felt. Saturday night was filled with testimonies and reaffirmations of faith. It was really emotional, but nobody cared whether your mascara was streaking or not. It's really hard to describe a feeling like that, of being totally engulfed in love, unless you've experienced it yourself. Sunday afternoon was really hard, like leaving a warm bed or cocoon.

Though several people voiced the common fear of being labelled a 'Bible thumper' or 'Jesus freaks", BYC really helped solidify my faith and helped me know where I stand with God. I hope this becomes an annual conference, and I hope it helps people who, like me, really weren't sure what they believed.

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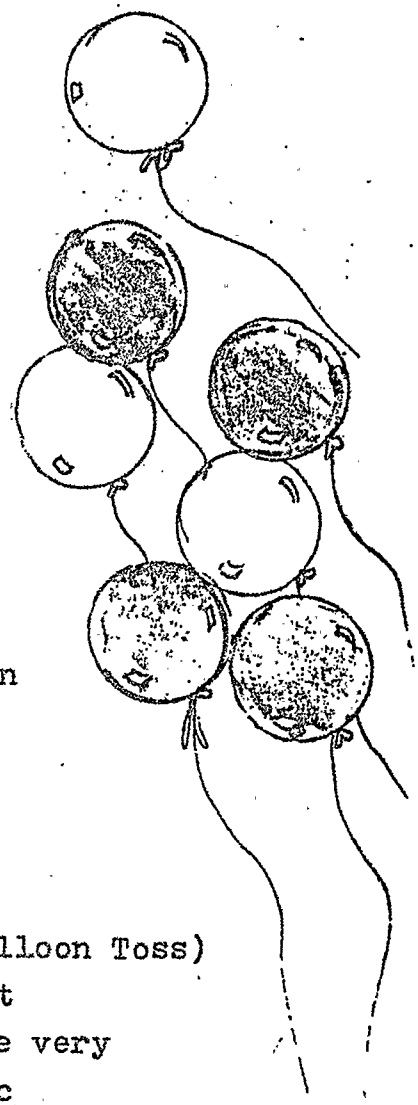


Come "CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN" Here

at Christ Church

Sunday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m.

The Boys and Girls Choirs will be putting on

the musical

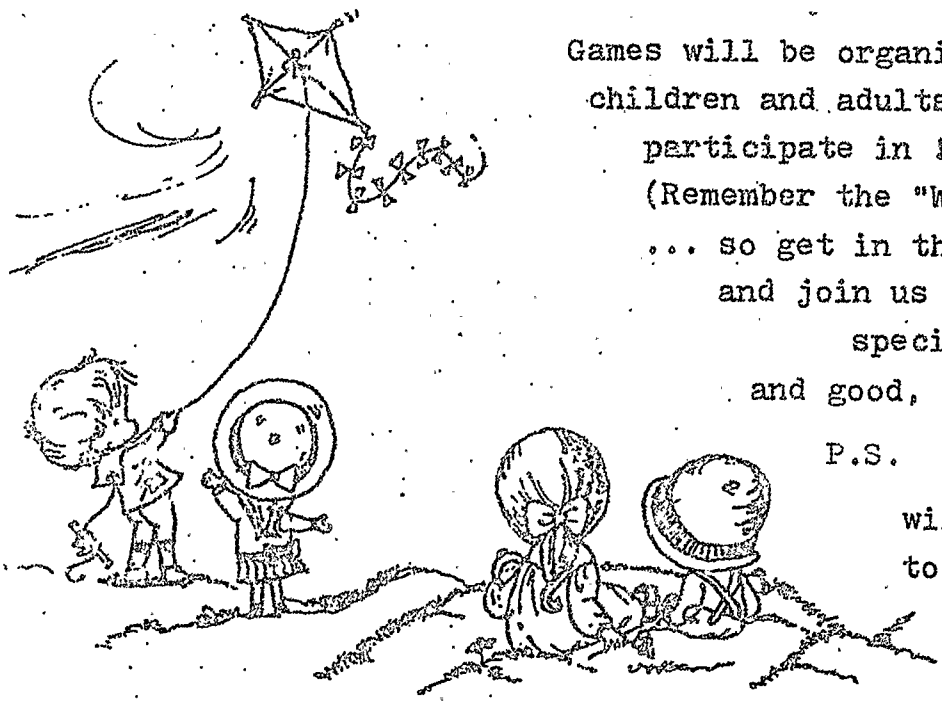
"JONAH MAN JAZZ".

The Sunday School Party and ...

A Picnic Lunch

will follow outdoor on the lawn

(indoors in event of foul weather).



Games will be organized for

children and adults to

participate in !

(Remember the "Water Balloon Toss)

... so get in the spirit

and join us for some very

special music

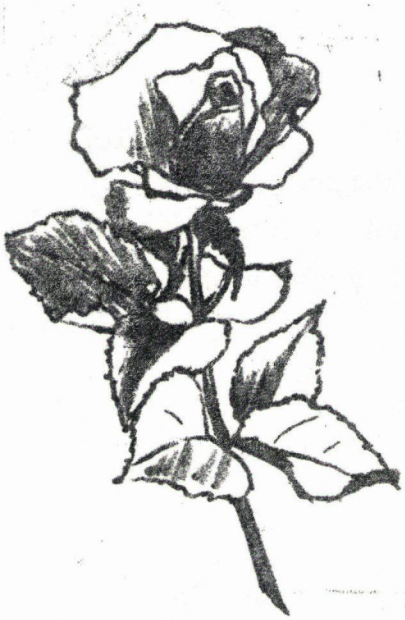
and good, old fashioned FUN!!

P.S. STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

will be served. All you have

to do is bring your picnic lunch

..... and ENJOY.



ONE CHRIST, ONE WORLD, HOW DO WE CARE ?

The Lenten series this year focused on some of the reasons why many people in our world still go hungry. The theme was taken from the story of the feeding of the multitude, "They all ate and had enough", but why are people hungry ?

The weekly Wednesday evenings began with Eucharist at 5.30. We are grateful, Margie Newman, Ruth Lund, Joan Mallabone, Liz Stilman, Mark Perrin, Tim Yates, Andrew Stauft for providing the folk masses. Thank you, also, Kathy Chapman, Colleen Brown, and the girls' choir and all the people who read - Carolyn Amos, Carrie Jardine, Denise Bleach, Jeremy Vass, Andrew Stauft, Matthew White, Colleen Brown Peter Yates, Stephsnie Jardine, Becky Olson, David Leaman, and Jeffrey Woodgate.

The pot luck suppers were a great way of sharing food and thoughts. We are grateful to those who made them so enjoyable, especially to Eve Templeton and Barbara Moroney and all the members of the Vestry, ACW, Cursillo, Prayer Chain, Fellowship, and Outreach. Each of these groups provided members to help in the kitchen for one of the evenings. A total of 359 people attended the six suppers. The special Ash Wednesday supper gave some of us a chance to feel, if only for a moment, what a poor person might feel each day. Others were faced with a different problem - "As a rich person should I share or indulge and feel guilty?" Thank you Judy Griffiths and Caroline Brown for making this such an interesting experience.

149 people attended the six talks and discussion programs. So many people contributed their time and talent to make these evenings a success. Thank you Mollie Mainman, Barbara Moroney, Jeanie and Denis cole, Margie Kilb, Lois Walker, Tim Yates, John Lund, Don Novinge Liz Stilman, Martha Bailey, and David Leaman. Thank you, Mark Perrin for helping with the set up and Shirley and John Cummings for loaning and delivering the TV set.

Thank you Barbara Morin for coordinating the excellent children'

series. Thank you Susan and Peter Jull, Brenda and Jamie Mackie, Barbara and Michael Waterhouse, Colleen Westersund, Diane Walton, and Wendy and George Leitch for leading the sessions. 79 Children in all participated in the six programnes. Thank you Denise Bleach and all the young people who helped in the nursery - Steven Brown, Jeffrey and Phillip Woodgate, Michael Beavers, Matthew White, Kimberly Musselwhite, Karin King, Michelle Grandin, and Julien Stuart Smith.

The excellent graphics were again done by Lloyd Wilson. Thank y Lloyd. A special thank you, Caroline Brown, Bob and Herb for contribut ing so much of your time, ideas and help in making these evenings possible.

Christine Stuart Smith

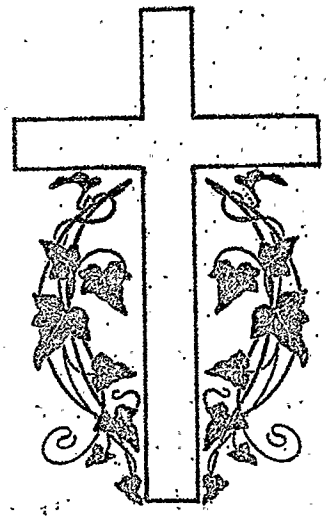
Seniors

SENIORS' SUMMER OUTING

JUNE 24th

TYRELL MUSEUM, DRUMHELLER

We will leave Christ Church at 9.30 a.m. Lunch at the museum will be at 11.30 a.m. followed by a conducted tour at 1.00 p.m. We hope to be back at the Church by 4.30 p.m. Approximate cost - $10.00. Please phone Jill Vass 244-7121 or Sue Millikin 243-2970 if you wish to go on this trip. We can only take 47 people so don't wait too long to book your seat.



Venerable George Hasted Dowker,
Archdeacon of Bow Valley,
Rector of Christ Church, 1960
to 1966, died April 4.

He served parishes in Vancouver, New Westminister, Winnipeg, Toronto and Calgary, and was Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal.

Jim Askew remembers him as a very able, kindly and warm man. "He was not only my priest, he was a most personal friend. "A traditionalist, he was a sincere father of his flock in a very close-knit parish and a man of great faith.

Ken Manning remembers he brought to Calgary and area, Canon Brian Green from Birmingham, UK, a first attempt here at Anglican evangelism. "Some of us learned that this call-to-the-altar, Billy Graham style, did not necessarily jump us and bite us. At the parish level, he cast spiritual seed on surprising soil. He nurtured Bible study groups which have continued to this day". Ken also recalls Eve and Hasted as gracious hosts at the Rectory.

On the material side, during his ministry here, the south wing was completed.

Bob Griffiths remembers Archdeacon Dowker as a real intellectual and one of Canada's foremost preachers.

His writing, done at the time he was in Calgary, seems to speak from his core. He urged our congregation to go forward, "expecting great things from God and attempting great things for Him."

Visitation

VISITATION - A NEW APPROACH. For many years Christ Church has held an annual Every Member Visitation, during which every family in the parish was visited and financial pledges solicited. As we move through the 1980's it has become increasingly difficult to enlist people to undertake these visits if any hint of fund-raising is involved. Thus the objectives of seeking financial support and contacting parishioners have been clouded so that neither is properly accomplished. However both needs still exist. While working on the visitation it is always very heartening to hear of the many positive experiences visitors have had. The visits provide an opportunity to meet a new neighbour, receive feedback on church happenings, communicate upcoming events at the Church and invite all parishioners to participate in the life of Christ Church.

In an effort to more effectively accomplish the goals of parish contact and financial commitment, Vestry has approved a proposal to split the two events. Although still in the planning stages, it is proposed that in the early fall each parish family will be visited. The visits will be purely pastoral in nature with no financial purpose. The separate financial campaign would involve no visitation. The main thrust of this campaign would be communicating Christ Church's financial needs in a more direct fashion with the purpose of encouraging generous pledge support.

It is hoped that all parishioners will respond with vigor to this new approach to parish contact. The pastoral visits should be worthwhile, positive events and the active participation of many parishioners will ensure its success.

Comments, ideas and volunteers are welcome to call
DAVID WOOD 228-5896 (res.)
234-5679 (bus.)

Outreach

"The New Genesis"

And God saw that all nations of the Earth, black and white, poor and rich, from North and South, from East and West, and of all creeds were sending their emissaries to a tall glass house on the shores of the River of the Rising Sun, to study together...to think together and to care together for the world and all its people.

And God said: that is good. And it was the first day of the New Age of the Earth.

And God saw that soldiers of peace were separating the combatants of quarrelling nations, that differences were being resolved by negotiation and reason instead of arms, and that the leaders of nations were seeing each other, talking to each other and joining their hearts, minds, souls and strength for the benefits of humanity.

And God said: That is good. And it was the second day of the Planet of Pea

And God saw that humans were loving the whole creation, the stars and the sun, the day and the night, the air and the oceans, the earth and the waters, the fishes and the fowl, the flowers and the herbs, and all their human brothers and sisters.

And God said: That is good And it was the third day of the Happy Planet.

And God saw that humans were suppressing hunger, disease, ignorance and suffering all over the globe, providing each human person with a decent, conscious and happy life and reducing the greed, the power and the wealth of the few.

And God said: That is good. And it was the fourth day of the Planet of Justice.

And God saw that humans were living in harmony and in peace with one another, wisely managing their resources, avoiding waste, curbing excesses, replacing hatred with love, greed with contentment, arrogance with humility, division with cooperation, and mistrust with understanding.

And God said: That is good. And it was the fifth day of the Golden Planet.

And God saw that people were destroying their arms, bombs, missiles, warships and warplanes, dismantling their bases and disbanding their armies, keeping only keepers peace to protect the good from the bad.

And God said: That is go And it was the sixth day of the Planet of Reas

And God saw humans restore God and the human person as the Alpha and Omega, reducing institutions, beliefs, politics, governments and many other entities to mere servants of God and the people. And God saw them adopt as their supreme law:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all you soul, all your mind and all your strength. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these."

And God said: That is good. And it was the seventh day of the Planet of Go

BY ROBERT MULLER
(AND USED AT A RECENT PEACE CELEBRATION AT PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH)

BAPTISMS

We welcome with joy and gladness to the Christian Community of Christ Church:

Stephanie Margaret Banks	Daughter of Roger & Sheena
Tamu Aleyandra Stolbie	Daughter of John & Sandra
Stephan Andrew Nagy	Son of Andreas & Elizabeth
David Wesley Petch	Son of John & Susan
Morgan Catherine Allan	Daughter Jackson & Marjorie
Shenna Clare Wade	Daughter of Murray & Monica
Matthew Alan MacKay	Son of Robert & Patrice
Bradley Michael Champagne	Son of Arnold & Marina
Deborah Anne Crawford	Daughter of George & Joan
Philip Sebastian Cimolai	Son of Maura & Moira

CONFIRMATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED

Young People:

Carolyn Elizabeth Amos
Christopher Edward Andrew O'Nolan Bashford
Michael John Beavers
Gregor John Cragie
Gregor Stephan Hackmann
Robert Nicholas Hackmann
Christopher Michael Arthur Jackson
Ian Grant Rewcastle
John Cameron Rewcastle
Juleta Eileen Severson
Oliver Benjamin Utting
Sonia Kate Utting
Jeffery Hastings Woodgate
Peter Wilson Yates
James Oliver Young

Adults:

Diane Blundon
Kent Robert Brorson
Peter Bryant
Roslyn Beth Hanson
Margaret Anne Kilb
Christine Megan O'Byrne
Jean Whittle

Parish Family New

MARRIAGES

We offer congratulations and best wishes to:

John Stormont Purdy & Sheryl Ann Rogers
Daniel William Bradley & Debra Laurette Pennell
Michel Rene Ghislain Chaereboudt & Nancy Elizabeth Stauft

DEATHS

May the souls of the Faithfully Departed rest in peace. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Freda Grace Coutts
William Henry Carr
Owen Funnell

The Canadian Bible Society

The Rt. Rev. Donald Coggan, former Archbishop of Canterbury and honorary president of the United Bible Societies is quoted as saying that "The Christian church has always gone to its missionary task with a Bible in its hand. This book is the record of God's redeeming deeds in Christ, the story of God's loving action on behalf of mankind. Christians believe that every individual who can read should have this story put into his hands in a form that he can understand and in such a way that he can make an intelligent response to the message it contains. This mandate is both colossal in size and technically difficult to achieve."

Through the global network of the United Bible Society, this task becomes manageable. The United Bible Society is now involved in Scripture translations, production and distribution in some 562 languages.

On the home front, the Canadian Bible Society has worked diligently since 1904 to "share the Word." Our national society provides native Scriptures to our Indian and Inuit peoples; Braille, cassette and large print Bibles for the blind, handicapped and elderly; special Testaments and Gospels for prisoners, new citizens and Canadian Forces recruits and cadets. God's word is printed in at least 100 different languages for newcomers to Canada whose mother tongue is neither English nor French. And, colourful Scripture selections are available for community outreach evangelism.

In Calgary the Canadian Bible Study has its store at 117 - 7th Avenue S.E. It has been in that location for over 60 years. We are pleased to represent the Diocese of Calgary on the Board of the Bible Society in Calgary. We are overwhelmed by the tremendous outreach that the Bible Society has and by its warm and loving staff.

The Canadian Bible Society exists so that we may come to know and share the Good News of Jesus Christ - in languages people can read and understand, without jargon and at prices they can afford. Please continue to pray for the ministry of the Bible Society.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE BABYSITTING EVENT IN AUGUST

The Pastoral Care Group would like to offer new mothers an AFTERNOON OFF by providing a babysitting service. Leave your new baby and his or her pre-school brothers and sisters with us in our new nursery on TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th from 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Take your husband to lunch, shop for your school age youngsters or have your hair done! The convenor and contact person is:

Eve Templeton 243-5703.

Sunday School...

It's that time of year again ... helpers for the Sunday School are urgently needed.

All you need to apply are the following prerequisites:

1) Love of children

2) Love of Christ

3) A sense of humour

Teaching hours are most flexible.

Pick up your phone and call right now. You'll be happy you did (and so will the children).

Wendy Leitch -- 246-6049

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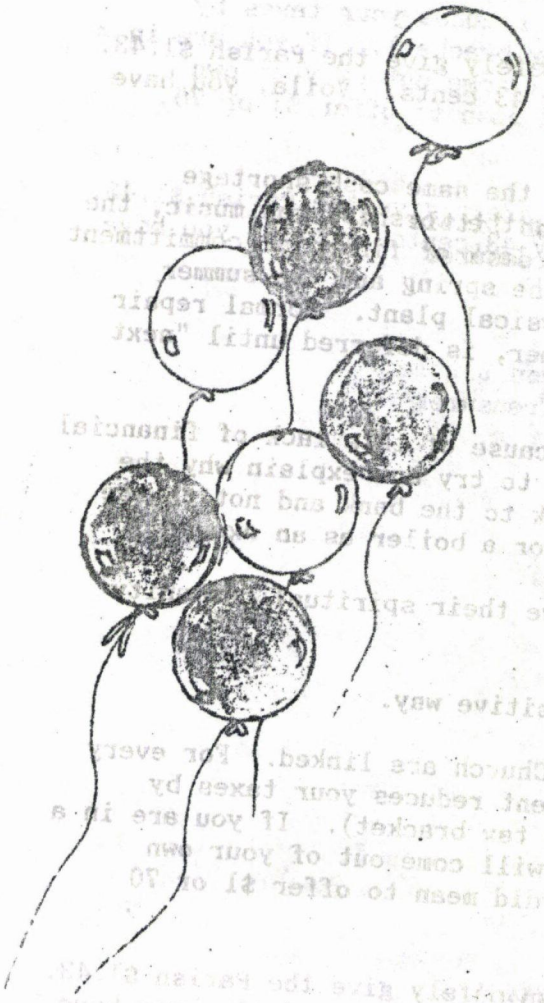

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PICTURES

The Sunday School would like the 1985 Christmas Pageant to be a lasting memory. Five framed pictures are being donated to Christ Church to capture the glorious event of Christ's birth.

Many thanks to Deryk Fodington for photographing that very special day.

P.S. If you had placed an order for pageant pictures a few months ago please phone Deryk (243-4995) as it seems that the request forms have been misplaced.

TREASURER'S REPORT
SPRING 1986

Each and every spring and summer we run into the same cash shortage bind. All parishoners take pride in Christ Church, the worship, the music, the friendship, the programs. Yet there is a curious lack of financial committment to the Parish and this shows up most notably in the spring and the summer months. The primary area that suffers is the physical plant. Normal repair and maintenance, which should be done in the summer, is deferred until "next year".

I'm a little bit angry as I write this. Because of this lack of financial support, I am on my way to see our loans officer to try and explain why the parish of Christ Church in Elbow Park has to look to the bank and not to the members to make ends meet. I don't have a roof or a boiler as an excuse.

Why is it so difficult for Anglicans to give their spiritual community financial support?

Let me attempt to come out of this in a positive way.

Your tax return and your giving to Christ Church are linked. For every dollar that you give to the Parish, the government reduces your taxes by anywhere from 16 to 49 cents (depending on your tax bracket). If you are in a 30% tax bracket and you give $1, only 70 cents will come out of your own pocket. When you made your pledge in the fall did mean to offer $1 or 70 cents?

If your intent was to offer 1$ then you can safely give the Parish $1.43. In the spring Mr. Wilson will reduce your taxes by 43 cents. Voila, you have offered and given $1.

Ron Little
Treasurer

PARAGRAPH FOR PRINTING IN PEW LEAFLET, PARISH NEWSLETTER & THE SOWER

This Diocese urgently requires an Executive Assistant in order that the Bishop can devote the time and resources required towards his pastoral leadership role.

Although this position has been authorized by successive Synods, there have not been sufficient funds forthcoming from parish apportionments to implement it - or other needed Diocesan projects. The following 1984 statistics illustrate the root of our Diocese's financial problem:

Percentage of total Parish income going as Apportionment:

- to Diocese of Calgary	12.1%
- to Diocese of Edmonton	19.9%
- National average	17.5%

The March 1986 Synod agreed to a plan to raise special interim 'bridging' funds in order that the Executive Assistant position can be filled in 1986. These supplementary funds will taper down over a four-year period until, by 1990, the position will be fully funded through the general parish apportionment system.

The special funding committee appointed by the Bishop has, to date, raised from individuals across the Diocese, cash and pledges totalling more than $46,000.00 of the required $130,000.00 in 'bridging' funds. In order that every Anglican is offered the opportunity to contribute to this special project this approved notice is appearing in pew leaflets across the Diocese.

Please give your serious consideration to making either a one-time donation or a three-year pledge to this project. All donations are confidential and tax deductible.

Cheques should be made payable to the "Executive Trust Account" c/o the Diocese of Calgary, 3015 Glencoe Road, S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2S 2L9.

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